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TAGS: SCUL, AF

SUBJECT: ARCHEOLOGY IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: KABUL 3818

1. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN SCHOLARS ENVISIONED BY THE SMITHSONIAN WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES AND NOT RPT NOT AFGHANISTAN. THE SMITHSONIAN FEELS THAT MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE INSTITUTIONAL RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL SINCE LATTER ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO FREQUENT CHANGE.

2. CHALLINOR'S LETTER, HOPEFULLY, WILL LEAD TO A MEETING OF CONCERNED INSTITUTIONS IN WASHINGTON TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM. I DOUBT WHETHER THE SMITHSONIAN WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO FORWARD WITH A FORMAL DOCUMENT TO THE GOA UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THIS MEETING ARE KNOWN.

3. CHALLINOR PRESENTLY PLANS VISIT KABUL NEXT MONTH OR EARLY NOVEMBER. YOU WILL BE HEARING FROM HIM DIRECTLY. IT  
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IS POSSIBLE WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO FORMALIZE ARCHEOLOGY

SET UP BY THAT TIME.

4. WILL REPORT FURTHER ON SMITHSONIAN REACTION TO  
SUGGESTED LANGUAGE OF DRAFT NOTE AND CONTRACT. ROBINSON

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